

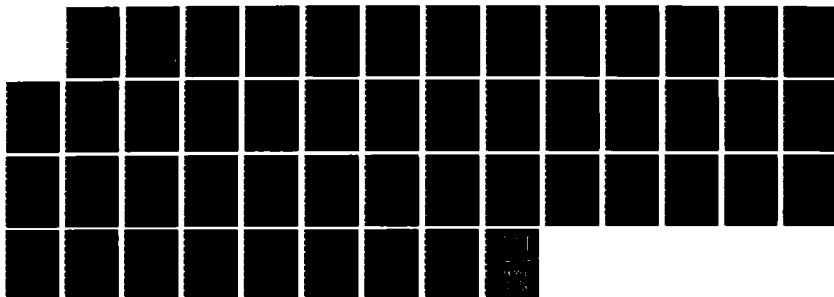
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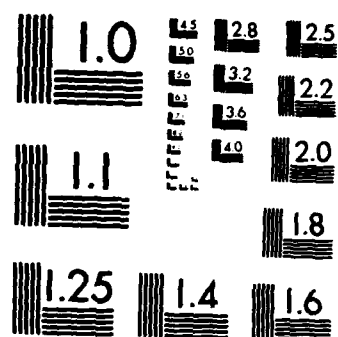
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## 1. Introduction

Much experimental and theoretical work on neutralization, excitation and deexcitation of ions at a solid surface has been reported in the literature [1-7]. Theoretically, low-energy ( $\lesssim 5$  keV) surface processes have successfully been described by the exponential model of Hagstrum [8-10] in which the rate of surface processes is assumed to decrease exponentially with the ion-surface separation. Experimental electron and photon yield data, in particular, have given strong support to the model. Recently, however, a nonlinear dependence of the logarithm of the ion yield upon the inverse of the initial (or final) ion velocity has been observed by several groups [11-14], in contradiction to the prediction of the model. This is generally believed to be an indication that ions are subject to more than one neutralization mechanism. Theoretical studies in the past have shown that reasonable agreement can still be obtained if one considers, in addition to surface neutralization (Auger or resonance neutralization), neutralization and ionization resulting from atomic collision between the incident ion and a surface atom. Thus, the ion trajectory is conveniently divided into three parts [15-17]: the incoming trajectory, the region of violent atomic collision and the outgoing trajectory. Along the incoming and outgoing trajectories, Auger or resonance neutralization may occur while collisional neutralization and ionization of the atomic type take place in the region of violent collision.

In our earlier work [18] we have introduced a model which presented a different view of the ion-surface interaction. According to the model, the observed nonlinear behavior of the ion yield does not require the introduction of atomic neutralization and ionization. The idea stems from

the observation that the "characteristic velocity" (which determines how fast the scattered ion yield decreases with the ion velocity) is itself a function of the ion energy, resulting in a more complex dependence of the logarithm of the ion yield on the inverse of the ion velocity than a simple linear relationship. Good to excellent agreement has been obtained in the preliminary comparison of our model with experimental ion and photon yield data.

In this paper we further develop the model introduced in ref. 18 so that it can be applied to a wider class of experimental data on nonspecularly as well as specularly reflected particles. We then report the result of an extensive test of our model against experimental ion yield data on various ion-surface combinations. Since for the present work we are interested only in the charge distribution of backscattered particles, there is no need to consider excitation and deexcitation processes which contribute negligibly to the ion yield at low energies of our interest. Our analysis is centered on an accurate determination of the characteristic velocity, necessary for the calculation of the ion yield. It is our hope that the present work gives useful insight into the complex problem of ion-surface interaction at the fundamental level. From the practical viewpoint, the accurate determination of the characteristic velocity should be useful for surface analysis because the characteristic velocity is sensitive to details of the surface such as the molecular composition, electronic state and surface contamination.

In section 2 we give a general description of our model. In particular, we present a detailed analysis of the characteristic velocity for both specularly and nonspecularly reflected particles. Extensive quantitative comparison of the prediction of our model with experimental data

that exist in the literature is presented in section 3. Finally a discussion is given in section 4.



## 2. Model

A detailed description of our model in terms of rate equations has already been given in ref. 18. Since for the present discussion we are not interested in photon yields or other data related to excitation and deexcitation of ions, surface neutralization (Auger or resonance neutralization) is the only process we need to consider. We also note that atomic neutralization and ionization are not allowed in our model. The rate equation then becomes

$$\frac{dN_1(t)}{dt} = -\Gamma(t)N_1(t), \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{dN_2(t)}{dt} = \Gamma(t)N_1(t), \quad (2)$$

where  $N_1$  is the number of ions,  $N_2$  the number of neutral atoms, and  $\Gamma$  is the neutralization rate assumed to decrease exponentially with respect to the ion-surface separation  $z$ ,

$$\Gamma(z) = A \exp(-az). \quad (3)$$

Assuming a straight-line, constant-velocity trajectory, i.e., assuming

$$z - z_0 = \begin{cases} -v_{i\perp} t, & t < 0, \\ v_{f\perp} t, & t > 0, \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where  $z_0$  is the distance of closest approach, and  $v_{i\perp}$  and  $v_{f\perp}$  are, respectively, the normal components of the initial ( $v_i$ ) and final ( $v_f$ ) velocity of the ion,  $\Gamma$  can be expressed in terms of time  $t$  as

$$\Gamma(t) = \begin{cases} av_c \exp(av_{i\perp} t) , & t < 0 , \\ av_c \exp(-av_{f\perp} t) , & t > 0 . \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

Here  $v_c$  is the characteristic velocity given by

$$v_c = \frac{A}{a} \exp(-az_0) , \quad (6)$$

and, assuming a single binary collision,  $v_f$  and  $v_i$  are related by

$$v_f = u(\theta)v_i , \quad (7a)$$

where

$$u(\theta) = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{m_2}{m_1}} \left[ \cos\theta + \left( \sqrt{\frac{m_2^2}{m_1^2} - \sin^2\theta} \right) \right] , \quad (7b)$$

$\theta$  is the scattering angle, and  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are the masses of the incident ion and the surface atom, respectively.

We consider the case when the incident particles are singly charged ions, corresponding to the initial condition,  $N_1(-\infty) = N$ ,  $N_2(-\infty) = 0$ . Eqs. (1) and (2) with this initial condition can immediately be solved to yield

$$N_1(\infty) = N \exp \left[ -v_c \left( \frac{1}{v_{i\perp}} + \frac{1}{v_{f\perp}} \right) \right] , \quad (8a)$$

$$N_2(\infty) = N - N \exp \left[ -v_c \left( \frac{1}{v_{i\perp}} + \frac{1}{v_{f\perp}} \right) \right] . \quad (8b)$$

The ion fraction  $f^+$  is then given by

$$f^+ \equiv \frac{N_1(\infty)}{N_1(\infty) + N_2(\infty)} = \exp \left[ -v_c \left( \frac{1}{v_{i\perp}} + \frac{1}{v_{f\perp}} \right) \right]. \quad (9)$$

In the standard exponential model [8-10], the characteristic velocity  $v_c$  is assumed independent of ion energy. Thus, when  $\log f^+$  is plotted against  $\left( \frac{1}{v_{i\perp}} + \frac{1}{v_{f\perp}} \right)$ , one would obtain a straight line and the characteristic velocity could be determined by the slope of the line. We assert, however, that  $v_c$  is not independent of energy as can clearly be seen from eq. (6): the characteristic velocity depends on  $z_0$  which in turn varies with the ion energy. Hence, according to our model,  $\log f^+$  will not vary linearly with  $\left( \frac{1}{v_{i\perp}} + \frac{1}{v_{f\perp}} \right)$ . An accurate determination of the characteristic velocity  $v_c$  and its comparison with experimental data thus provide a severe test of our model. Below we give a detailed analysis of the characteristic velocity and discuss its dependence on the ion velocity and other collision parameters.

Let us first consider specularly reflected particles ( $\psi = \theta - \psi$ ; see fig. 1a). At the distance of closest approach, the total energy available to the ion is approximately  $\frac{1}{4} m_1 (v_i^2 + v_f^2)$ . Assuming that the component of the ion velocity parallel to the surface does not change much during collision, we have

$$\frac{1}{4} m_1 (v_i^2 + v_f^2) = \frac{1}{4} m_1 (v_i^2 + v_f^2) \cos^2 \psi + Be^{-bz_0}. \quad (10)$$

In eq. (10) we have also assumed that the ion-surface interaction at the distance of closest approach is the Born Mayer type. Solving eq. (10) for  $z_0$ , we obtain

$$z_0 = -\frac{1}{b} \log \left[ \frac{m_1 (v_i^2 + v_f^2) \sin^2 \psi}{4B} \right]. \quad (11)$$

Substituting eq. (11) into eq. (6), we obtain the desired expression for  $v_c$  for specularly reflected particles:

$$v_c = \frac{A}{a} \left[ \frac{m_1(v_i^2 + v_f^2) \sin^2 \psi}{4B} \right]^{a/b} = \frac{A}{a} \left[ \frac{m_1 v_i^2 (1 + u^2) \sin^2 \psi}{4B} \right]^{a/b}. \quad (12)$$

If we neglect the elastic energy loss of the ion, i.e., if  $v_f = v_i$ , then eq. (12) reduces to the formula derived in ref. 18. According to eq. (12), the characteristic velocity  $v_c$  is an increasing function of the initial (or final) ion velocity at a given angle of incidence  $\psi$ , consistent with the observation of Verhey et al [17], Bertrand et al [12] and MacDonald et al [19,20]. Eq. (12) also indicates that the characteristic velocity is an increasing function of the angle of incidence at a given ion energy, consistent with the observation of Bertrand et al [12] and Overbury et al [14].

We now consider nonspecular reflection. The ion which is nonspecularly reflected experiences the repulsive force mainly along the symmetry axis of the trajectory ( $z'$  axis in figs. 1b and 1c). The ion-surface potential in this case is therefore assumed to be given by  $V = Be^{-bz'}$  in the neighborhood of the distance of closest approach. For the case  $\psi < \theta - \psi$  (fig. 1b), the distance of closest approach is arrived at before the ion reaches the middle point of the trajectory at which most of the elastic energy transfer is assumed to occur. We therefore assume that, at  $z_0$ , both the total energy available to the ion and the parallel component of the ion velocity have not changed much from their initial values. Thus, we may write

$$\frac{1}{2} m_1 v_i^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_i^2 \cos^2 \psi + B e^{-bz'_0} . \quad (13)$$

Noting that the  $z$  axis and  $z'$  axis make an angle of  $\left(\frac{\theta}{2} - \psi\right)$ , eq. (13) immediately yields

$$z_0 = - \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2} - \psi\right)}{b} \log\left(\frac{m_1 v_i^2 \sin^2 \psi}{2B}\right), \quad (14)$$

and therefore

$$v_c = \frac{A}{a} \left( \frac{m_1 v_i^2 \sin^2 \psi}{2B} \right)^{\frac{a}{b}} \cos\left(\frac{\theta}{2} - \psi\right) \quad (15)$$

The argument goes similarly for the case  $\psi > \theta - \psi$  (fig. 1c) except that the ion passes the middle point of the trajectory before it comes closest to the surface, and therefore at  $z_0$  the total energy of the ion and the parallel component of the ion velocity are not much different from their final values. We then have

$$\frac{1}{2} m_1 v_f^2 = \frac{1}{2} m_1 v_f^2 \cos^2(\theta - \psi) + B e^{-bz'_0}, \quad (16)$$

$$z_0 = - \frac{\cos\left(\psi - \frac{\theta}{2}\right)}{b} \log\left(\frac{m_1 v_f^2 \sin^2(\theta - \psi)}{2B}\right), \quad (17)$$

and

$$v_c = \frac{A}{a} \left( \frac{m_1 v_f^2 \sin^2(\theta - \psi)}{2B} \right)^{\frac{a}{b}} \cos\left(\psi - \frac{\theta}{2}\right) \quad (18)$$

Eqs. (15) and (18) show that, at a given energy and scattering angle, the characteristic velocity  $v_c$  decreases as the trajectory moves away from the specular configuration, consistent with the observation of Bertrand et al [12]. One can also observe that, at a given ion energy and incident angle (or exit angle if  $\psi < \theta - \psi$ ),  $v_c$  slowly increases as the scattering angle  $\theta$  is increased. In the next section a detailed quantitative comparison of the analysis given here with experimental data is presented.

### 3. Comparison with experimental data

#### 3.1. H<sup>+</sup> - C

Hydrogen ions and atoms backscattered from a solid surface generally show a broad energy distribution peaked at a velocity lower than that given by eq. (7a). In such a case our analysis based on the assumption of a single binary collision should apply only to a small fraction of particles that are "kinematically" scattered, i.e., to those that are scattered with velocity given by eq. (7a). Earlier, Overbury et al [14] considered only such particles in their study of H<sup>+</sup>-graphite collision. From their experimental ion yield data they calculated the ion fraction of kinematically backscattered particles using scattering cross sections calculated for a screened Coulomb potential. Our analysis therefore can be directly compared with their results.

Our analysis of the 1 keV specular data of Overbury et al was given in ref. 18. With the elastic energy transfer taken into account, we obtained slightly larger values for the parameters  $\frac{a}{b}$  and  $\frac{A}{a}$  than given in ref. 18:  $\frac{a}{b} \cong 0.38$  (compared with 0.37 in ref. 18),  $\frac{A}{a} \cong 1.2 \times 10^8$  cm/sec (compared with  $1.1 \times 10^8$  cm/sec in ref. 18). Here we first show the result of the analysis of the 2 keV specular data of Overbury et al. Shown in table 1 are their calculated values of the ion fraction  $f^+$  and the corresponding values of  $v_{f\perp}$ , taken from fig. 3 of their paper. Also shown are the values of  $\psi$ ,  $v_{i\perp}$  and  $v_c$  that we have calculated. The characteristic velocity  $v_c$  was calculated using the relation

$$v_c = \frac{(\log f^+)v_{i\perp}v_{f\perp}}{v_{i\perp} + v_{f\perp}}, \quad (19)$$

which was obtained by solving eq. (9) for  $v_c$ . The characteristic velocity determined this way is the "experimentally determined"  $v_c$  because the ion fraction  $f^+$  used in the calculation is taken from experimental data. It can be seen from table 1 that the characteristic velocity  $v_c$  is an increasing function of  $\psi$ , indicating that the data is at least qualitatively consistent with our model [see eq. (12)]. A stronger support for the model is indicated in fig. 2 where  $\log v_c$  is plotted against  $\log\left(\frac{1+u^2}{2} \sin^2 \psi\right)$ . According to eq. (12), a linear relationship is expected, which is indeed indicated in the figure. The slope of the line yields the parameter  $\frac{a}{b}$ , which we estimate to be  $\frac{a}{b} \approx 0.38$ . We note that the same value of  $\frac{a}{b}$  was obtained with the 1 keV specular data, a strong support for the validity of the model. Assuming that the potential energy parameters B and b are given by  $B = 3$  keV and  $b = 5 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$  as in our earlier analysis of the 1 keV data, we can now evaluate  $z_0$  using eq. (11) and the parameter  $\frac{A}{a}$  using the relation  $\frac{A}{a} = v_c \exp(az_0)$ . The calculated values of  $z_0$  and  $\frac{A}{a}$  are also shown in table 1. The parameter  $\frac{A}{a}$  represents the characteristic velocity at  $z = 0$  and is characteristic of the system being considered. Its values calculated at different  $\psi$  should therefore be the same within calculational and experimental uncertainties. We indeed see from table 1 that calculated values of  $\frac{A}{a}$  are all fairly close to each other, lending another support to our model. Taking the average we obtain  $\frac{A}{a} \approx 1.2 \times 10^8$  cm/sec for the  $H^+$ -graphite system. The same value of  $\frac{A}{a}$  was obtained with the 1 keV data.

With the parameters  $\frac{A}{a} \approx 1.2 \times 10^8$  cm/sec,  $\frac{a}{b} \approx 0.38$  and  $B = 3$  keV, we now can calculate the characteristic velocity  $v_c$  using eq. (12). The characteristic velocity calculated using eq. (12) represents the value



predicted by our model and thus will be referred to as "theoretically determined"  $v_c$ . In table 2 and fig. 3, theoretically determined  $v_c$  are shown along with experimentally determined  $v_c$  at the incident energies of 1 keV and 2 keV. The agreement between the two sets of values is seen to be very good.

We now look at the nonspecular data of Overbury et al. In table 3 we show values of  $f^+$  and  $v_{f\perp}$  as given by Overbury et al along with  $\psi$  (or  $\theta - \psi$ ), experimentally determined  $v_c$  and theoretically determined  $v_c$  that we have calculated for the case  $E_i$  (incident ion energy) = 1 keV and  $\theta = 90^\circ$ . As before the first set of  $v_c$  (experimentally determined  $v_c$ ) was calculated using eq. (19) with the values of  $f^+$  and  $v_{f\perp}$  reported by Overbury et al. The second set of  $v_c$  (theoretically determined  $v_c$ ) was calculated using eq. (15) or eq. (18) with the parameters  $\frac{A}{a}$ ,  $\frac{a}{b}$  and  $B$  determined above from the analysis of the specular data. The two sets of  $v_c$  given in table 3 are shown graphically in fig. 4. Shown also in fig. 4 are experimentally and theoretically determined  $v_c$  for the same scattering angle  $\theta = 90^\circ$  but for a different incident energy  $E_i = 2$  keV. For further comparison we show in fig. 5 experimentally and theoretically determined  $v_c$  for the case  $\theta = 60^\circ$  and  $E_i = 1$  keV. It is seen that the characteristic velocity determined by our model is generally somewhat lower than the experimentally determined  $v_c$ . The general qualitative behavior of the two sets of  $v_c$ , however, coincides. For example, both experimentally determined  $v_c$  and theoretically determined  $v_c$  have a peak at the specular configuration. Considering experimental uncertainties and uncertainties in scattering cross sections and system parameters (especially  $B = 3$  keV and  $b = 5 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ , which are rather arbitrarily chosen), the agreement is good.

### 3.2. $\text{He}^+ - \text{Cu}$

The characteristic velocity of the  $\text{He}^+ - \text{Cu}$  system has been experimentally investigated by Bertrand et al [12] and Verhey et al [16,17].

The specular data of Bertrand et al [12] shows clearly that  $v_c$  is an increasing function of  $\psi$  ( $= \frac{\theta}{2}$ ) at a given ion energy. As discussed in the previous section, our model also predicts the increase of  $v_c$  with  $\psi$ . According to eq. (12),  $v_c$  should be proportioned to  $\left(\frac{1+u^2}{2} \sin^2 \psi\right)^{a/b}$  at a given energy for specular reflection. In table 4 we show experimental values of  $v_c$  that we have estimated from the data of Bertrand et al as well as theoretical values calculated using eq. (12). The theoretical values are normalized to the experimental value  $v_c \approx 2.0 \times 10^7$  cm/sec at  $E_i = 750$  eV and  $\psi = 65^\circ$  with  $\frac{a}{b} = 0.35$ , the value which seems to give the best fit to the experimental data. One can observe that a reasonable agreement is achieved between the experimental and theoretical values. The value of  $\frac{A}{a}$  can now be estimated by requiring that it yields  $v_c \approx 2.0 \times 10^7$  cm/sec at  $E_i = 750$  eV and  $\psi = 65^\circ$ . If we take  $B = 3$  keV,  $b = 5 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$  following Hagstrum [8], we obtain  $\frac{A}{a} = 3.6 \times 10^7$  cm/sec. If, on the other hand, we choose  $B = 1.805$  keV and  $b = 3.867 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$  according to the table given by Abrahamson [21], we obtain  $\frac{A}{a} = 3.0 \times 10^7$  cm/sec.

Bertrand et al have also provided nonspecular data, which indicate that  $v_c$  increases as the incidence angle  $\psi$  increases from grazing angles toward the specular condition at a given scattering angle  $\theta$ . This is also consistent with the prediction of our model. Fig. 6 gives the plot of the characteristic velocity  $v_c$  calculated using eq. (15) for different values of  $E_i$ ,  $\psi$  and  $\theta$ . Two different choices of parameters ( $\frac{A}{a} = 3.6 \times 10^7$  cm/sec,  $B = 3$  keV,  $\frac{a}{b} = 0.35$ ; and  $\frac{A}{a} = 3.0 \times 10^7$  cm/sec,  $B = 1.805$  keV,  $\frac{a}{b} = 0.35$ ) yielded virtually the same values of  $v_c$ , referred to as

theoretically determined  $v_c$  in fig. 6. Also shown are experimentally determined  $v_c$  which are estimated from the data of Bertrand et al. Unfortunately, only relative magnitudes of  $v_c$  can be calculated from their nonspecular data. We therefore have normalized experimentally determined values to  $v_c = 1.36 \times 10^7$  cm/sec at  $E_i = 750$  eV,  $\psi = 28.5^\circ$  and  $\theta = 90^\circ$ . The agreement between theory and experiment is not very good, especially at  $E_i = 1250$  eV. This is mainly due to the fact that the experimental data does not show any visible increase in  $v_c$  when the ion energy is increased from 750 eV to 1250 eV, where such behavior is inconsistent not only with our model but also with many other experimental data. We note however that theory and experiment do agree on one major qualitative feature: at given  $E_i$  and  $\theta$  the maximum  $v_c$  occurs at the specular configuration. We also note that both theory and experiment agree that, at given  $E_i$  and  $\psi$ ,  $v_c$  increases with  $\theta$  (this, however, is not clearly indicated by the experimentally determined  $v_c$  at  $E_i = 1250$  eV).

Verhey et al [17] studied the  $\text{He}^+$ -Cu system and found that  $v_c$  is an increasing function of the incident ion energy. However, it is difficult to compare their analysis with ours because they have included collisional neutralization and ionization of the atomic type. We can still obtain theoretical values of  $v_c$  and  $f^+$  using eqs. (12) and (9) with the parameters  $\frac{A}{a}$ ,  $B$  and  $\frac{a}{b}$  for  $\text{He}^+$ -Cu determined from the data of Bertrand et al. Such a calculation, however, may not be very meaningful because these parameters are expected to vary sensitively with surface contamination. There exists only a remote possibility that surfaces used by two different groups have the same amount of surface contamination.

The same group in another paper [16] has reported the observation made on the  $\text{He}^+$ -Cu system that, at low incident energy ( $E_i = 2$  keV) and

constant  $\theta$  ( $\theta = 30^\circ$ ),  $f^+$  is approximately a symmetric function of  $\psi$  around the specular configuration  $\psi = \frac{1}{2} \theta$ . According to our model, a complete symmetry is obtained if  $v_f = v_i$ , i.e., if  $u = 1$ . For  $\text{He}^+ - \text{Cu}$ , the function  $u$  is not much different from 1 ( $u \approx 0.992$ ) at  $\theta = 30^\circ$ , and thus an approximate symmetry is expected, as was observed.

### 3.3. $\text{He}^+ - \text{Ag}$ , $\text{Ne}^+ - \text{Ag}$ and $\text{He}^+ - \text{Ni}$

MacDonald et al [19, 20, 22] determined the characteristic velocity for the systems  $\text{He}^+ - \text{Ni}$ ,  $\text{He}^+ - \text{Ag}$  and  $\text{Ne}^+ - \text{Ag}$  from the angular distribution of their ion yield measured at constant  $E_i$ ,  $\theta$  ( $= 90^\circ$ ) and  $\psi$ , but for different exit trajectories. The exit trajectory was varied by measuring the ion yield in a plane perpendicular to the plane containing the incident beam and surface normal (the incidence plane). The ion fraction measured at an angle  $\phi$  to the incidence plane is given according to eq. (9) by

$$f_\phi^+ = \exp \left[ -v_c \left( \frac{1}{v_i \sin \psi} + \frac{1}{v_f \cos \psi \cos \phi} \right) \right]. \quad (20)$$

If the variation of  $v_c$  with  $\phi$  is neglected, we obtain

$$\log \frac{f_\phi^+}{f_{\phi=0^\circ}^+} = \frac{v_c}{v_f \cos \psi} \left( \frac{1}{\cos \phi} - 1 \right). \quad (21)$$

MacDonald et al obtained a straight line when  $\log \frac{f_\phi^+}{f_{\phi=0^\circ}^+}$  is plotted against

$\frac{1}{v_f \cos \psi} \left( \frac{1}{\cos \phi} - 1 \right)$ , indicating that  $v_c$  varies only slightly as a function

of  $\phi$ . We therefore neglect the  $\phi$  dependence of  $v_c$  in our analysis to follow.

MacDonald and O'Connor [19] obtained the energy dependence of  $v_c$  for the systems  $\text{He}^+-\text{Ag}$  and  $\text{Ne}^+-\text{Ag}$  by evaluating the slope of the  $\log \frac{f_\phi^+}{f_{\phi=0}^+}$  vs.  $\frac{1}{v_f \cos \psi} - \frac{1}{v_f \cos \phi} - 1$  line at different energies. In table 5 we show  $E_f$  (scattered ion energy) and  $v_c$  taken from the  $\text{He}^+-\text{Ag}$  data of MacDonald and O'Connor along with  $z_0$  and  $\frac{A}{a}$  calculated as before. Taking the average we obtain  $\frac{A}{a} \approx 2.5 \times 10^7$  cm/sec for the  $\text{He}^+-\text{Ag}$  system. Fig. 7 gives the plot of  $\log v_c$  as a function of  $\log E_f$  for  $\text{He}^+-\text{Ag}$  and also for  $\text{Ne}^+-\text{Ag}$ . According to eq. (12) one should obtain a linear relationship, which is approximately indicated in the figure. The slope of the line gives  $\frac{a}{b}$ . From fig. 7 we estimate  $\frac{a}{b} = 0.35$  for  $\text{He}^+-\text{Ag}$  and  $\frac{a}{b} = 0.44$  for  $\text{Ne}^+-\text{Ag}$ .

### 3.4. $\text{Ne}^+-\text{Au}$

Brongersma et al [15] determined the ion fraction of specularly reflected particles from their experimental data of a 2 keV  $\text{Ne}^+-\text{Au}$  collision. Shown in table 6 are  $\psi$  and  $f^+$  taken from their data along with experimentally determined characteristic velocity calculated using eq. (19). We again clearly see that  $v_c$  is an increasing function of  $\psi = \theta/2$  for specular configurations. In fig. 8 we plot  $\log v_c$  vs.  $\log \left( \frac{1+u^2}{2} \sin^2 \psi \right)$ . The data points fall approximately on a straight line with the slope estimated to be  $\frac{a}{b} \approx 0.33$ . Thus we see that our model is supported by the experimental data even for the case of heavy-ion incidence. Following Hagstrum [8] we choose  $B = 36$  keV and  $b = 5 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$  and calculate  $z_0$  using eq. (11) and  $\frac{A}{a}$  using the relation  $\frac{A}{a} = v_c \exp(az_0)$ . The calculated values of  $z_0$  and  $\frac{A}{a}$  are also shown in table 6. The values of  $z_0$  calculated are seen to be significantly larger than the values  $0.03 - 0.3 \text{ \AA}$  quoted by Brongersma et al, possibly due to our neglect of multiple scattering which may be significant for the case of  $\text{Ne}^+$  incidence. We note, however, that the values of  $\frac{A}{a}$  calculated at different  $\psi$  remain close from one

another, with the average  $\frac{A}{a} \approx 5.85 \times 10^7$  cm/sec. A different choice of parameters,  $B = 13.625$  keV and  $b = 3.639 \text{ \AA}^{-1}$ , as suggested by Abrahamson [21], was found to yield similar values of  $z_0$  and somewhat lower values of  $\frac{A}{a}$  with the average  $\frac{A}{a} \approx 4.26 \times 10^7$  cm/sec. The two different sets of the parameters, however, yield virtually the same values of  $v_c$  which are shown in fig. 9 along with experimentally determined  $v_c$ . The agreement between theory and experiment is surprisingly good, considering that our model based on the assumption of a single binary collision may not accurately describe the  $\text{Ne}^+$ -Au collision where multiple scattering is probably not negligible.

#### 4. Discussion

The characteristic velocity (more specifically, the characteristic velocity at  $z = 0$ ) can be a useful parameter for surface analysis because it is sensitive to details of the surface such as the molecular composition and the electronic state. On the other hand, it is its sensitivity to surface contamination [13,23,24] that makes both experimental work and theoretical analysis difficult. For a meaningful determination of the characteristic velocity, the surface under study must be clean, a difficult experimental task. The absolute values of the characteristic velocity determined by our analysis may not represent those characteristic of a clean surface. MacDonald and Martin [22] reported discrepancy in the value of the characteristic velocity for the  $\text{He}^+$ -Ni system determined by two different methods and ascribed it to the contribution from collisional neutralization and ionization of atomic type. There however seems to exist a possibility that at least a part of the discrepancy arises from different degrees of surface contamination.

The main purpose of the present work is to test the validity of our model introduced in ref. 18 and further developed in section 2 of this paper. It is encouraging that generally good to excellent agreements are obtained between the experimental data and our model, as described in section 3. This indicates that there is much merit in our model according to which surface neutralization is a dominant mechanism that occurs between low-energy ions and a solid surface. Atomic neutralization and ionization and a host of other processes may become important at high energies, but in the low-energy region studied here (a few keV or lower), surface neutralization seems to be the key process that determines the ion fraction of backscattered particles.

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$f^+$	0.0075	0.0105	0.0115	0.0125	0.017	0.0175	0.018	0.0185	0.024	0.028	0.033	0.034	0.0365	0.0325
$v_{f\perp}(10^7 \text{ cm/sec})$	1.05	1.55	2.1	2.5	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.35	3.65	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.7	4.85
$\psi(\text{degrees})$	9.8	14.7	20.2	24.5	30.3	30.3	30.3	34.6	38.7	48.9	52.6	56.7	56.7	60.3
$v_c(10^7 \text{ cm/sec})$	1.06	1.57	2.14	2.57	3.12	3.12	3.12	3.52	3.87	4.66	4.91	5.17	5.17	5.38
$v_c(10^7 \text{ cm/sec})$	2.58	3.55	4.73	5.55	6.23	6.19	6.14	6.84	7.00	8.00	8.20	8.33	8.15	8.74
$z_o(\text{\AA})$	0.79	0.63	0.51	0.44	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.32	0.28	0.21	0.19	0.17	0.17	0.16
$\frac{A}{a}(10^7 \text{ cm/sec})$	11.5	11.8	12.5	12.8	12.4	12.3	12.2	12.5	11.9	11.9	11.8	11.5	11.3	11.8

Table 1.  $H^+$ -graphite data for specular conditions at  $E_1 = 2 \text{ keV}$ .

$f^+$  and  $v_{f\perp}$  values are taken from Overbury et al [14],  
and  $\psi$ ,  $v_{i\perp}$ ,  $v_c$ ,  $z_o$  and  $\frac{A}{a}$  are calculated as described in  
this paper.

$E_i = 1 \text{ keV}$												
$\psi(\text{degrees})$	14.7	20.5	25.0	30.7	31.7	35.2	39.1	47.9	53.0	56.0	60.9	
$v_c^1(10^7 \text{ cm/sec})$	2.67	3.61	4.08	4.99	4.97	5.29	5.45	6.06	6.27	6.38	6.73	
$v_c^2(10^7 \text{ cm/sec})$	2.78	3.54	4.06	4.67	4.77	5.11	5.45	6.12	6.45	6.62	6.87	
$E_i = 2 \text{ keV}$												
$\psi(\text{degrees})$	9.8	14.7	20.2	24.5	30.3	30.3	30.3	34.6	38.7	48.9	52.6	56.7 60.3
$v_c^1(10^7 \text{ cm/sec})$	2.58	3.55	4.73	5.55	6.23	6.19	6.14	6.84	7.00	8.00	8.20	8.15 8.74
$v_c^2(10^7 \text{ cm/sec})$	2.68	3.61	4.56	5.22	6.02	6.02	6.02	6.58	7.05	8.05	8.36	8.67 8.83

Table 2. Characteristic velocity  $v_c$  vs. the incident angle  $\psi$  for specular conditions for the  $H^+$ -graphite system.  $v_c^1$  and  $v_c^2$  represent experimentally and theoretically determined  $v_c$ , respectively.

$f^+$	0.025	0.0225	0.021	0.0215	0.0215	0.019	0.020	0.0185	0.0175	0.0195	0.018	0.020	0.019	0.0185	0.0195	0.018	0.0195	0.0175	0.016	0.0165	0.0155
$v_{f_s} (10^7 \text{ cm/sec})$	3.9	3.8	3.75	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.25	3.2	3.0	2.85	2.85	2.75	2.65	2.4	2.35	2.05	2.05	1.7	1.55	1.4	1.05
$\psi (\text{degrees})$	14.4	19.3	21.3	23.2	29.6	34.9	36.2	37.4	41.8	45.0	45.0										
$\theta - \psi (\text{degrees})$										45.0	45.0	43.1	41.2	36.6	35.7	30.6	30.6	25.0	22.6	20.3	15.1
$v_c^1 (10^7 \text{ cm/sec})$	3.14	3.98	4.31	4.51	5.13	5.64	5.63	5.80	5.99	5.84	5.96	5.79	5.82	5.69	5.57	5.33	5.22	4.82	4.63	4.28	3.50
$v_c^2 (10^7 \text{ cm/sec})$	3.32	3.80	3.98	4.15	4.71	5.15	5.26	5.36	5.72	5.79	5.79	5.46	5.32	4.97	4.90	4.51	4.51	4.06	3.86	3.67	3.21

Table 3.  $H^+$ -graphite data for nonspecular conditions at  $E_i = 1 \text{ keV}$  and

$\theta = 90^\circ$ .  $f^+$  and  $v_{f_s}$  values are taken from Overbury et al [14].

$v_c^1$  and  $v_c^2$  represent experimentally and theoretically determined

$v_c$ , respectively.

	$E_1 = 500 \text{ eV}$		$E_1 = 750 \text{ eV}$		$E_1 = 1250 \text{ eV}$	
	$\psi = 10^\circ$	$\psi = 65^\circ$	$\psi = 10^\circ$	$\psi = 65^\circ$	$\psi = 10^\circ$	$\psi = 65^\circ$
$v_c^1 (10^7 \text{ cm/sec})$	0.53	1.7	0.65	2.0	0.99	2.0
$v_c^2 (10^7 \text{ cm/sec})$	0.56	1.7	0.64	2.0	0.77	2.4

Table 4. Characteristic velocity for specular configurations for the  $\text{He}^+ - \text{Cu}$  system.  $v_c^1$  and  $v_c^2$  represent experimentally and theoretically determined  $v_c$ , respectively.  $v_c^2$  is normalized to the experimental value of  $2 \times 10^7 \text{ cm/sec}$  at  $E_1 = 750 \text{ eV}$  and  $\psi = 65^\circ$ .

$E_f(\text{eV})$	100	200	300	400	400	500	600	600	700	800	900	1000	1000	1100	1200	1300	1400	1400	1500	1600	1700
$v_c(10^7 \text{ cm/sec})$	0.69	0.69	0.88	0.93	1.0	1.18	1.07	1.29	1.15	1.16	1.2	1.2	1.39	1.4	1.45	1.53	1.45	1.55	1.4	1.58	1.56
$z_o(\text{\AA})$	0.81	0.67	0.59	0.53	0.53	0.49	0.45	0.45	0.42	0.40	0.37	0.35	0.35	0.33	0.31	0.30	0.28	0.28	0.27	0.26	0.25
$\frac{A}{a}(10^7 \text{ cm/sec})$	2.89	2.26	2.50	2.39	2.57	2.80	2.38	2.87	2.42	2.33	2.31	2.23	2.58	2.52	2.52	2.59	2.39	2.55	2.26	2.49	2.40

Table 5.  $\text{He}^+ - \text{Ag}$  data.  $E_f$  and  $v_c$  values are taken from MacDonald and O'Connor [19], and  $z_o$  and  $\frac{A}{a}$  are calculated using the method described in this paper.

$\psi(\text{degrees})$	22.5	30.5	45	53.4	60.5	69.1
$f^+$	0.009	0.0132	0.025	0.025	0.0266	0.0322
$v_c (10^7 \text{ cm/sec})$	1.23	1.48	1.71	1.91	2.01	2.02
$z_o (\text{\AA})$	0.97	0.86	0.74	0.69	0.66	0.64
$\frac{A}{a} (10^7 \text{ cm/sec})$	5.93	6.00	5.67	5.88	5.92	5.70

Table 6.  $\text{Ne}^+$ -Au data for specular conditions at  $E_i = 2 \text{ keV}$ .

$\psi$  and  $f^+$  values are taken from Brongersma et al [15],  
and  $v_c$ ,  $z_o$  and  $\frac{A}{a}$  are calculated using the method  
described in this paper.

## Figure Captions

- Fig. 1 Specular and nonspecular reflections.  $\psi$  and  $\theta$  are, respectively, the incident angle and scattering angle, the  $z$  axis is the surface normal, the  $z'$  axis is the axis of symmetry and  $x$  denotes the point at which the ion comes closest to the surface.
- Fig. 2  $\log v_c$  vs.  $\log \left( \frac{1+u^2}{2} \sin^2 \psi \right)$  for specular conditions at  $E_i = 2$  keV for the  $H^+$ -graphite system.
- Fig. 3 Characteristic velocity  $v_c$  vs. the incident angle  $\psi$  for specular conditions for the  $H^+$ -graphite system.
- experimentally determined  $v_c$  at  $E_i = 1$  keV
  - × theoretically determined  $v_c$  at  $E_i = 1$  keV
  - △ experimentally determined  $v_c$  at  $E_i = 2$  keV
  - + theoretically determined  $v_c$  at  $E_i = 2$  keV
- Fig. 4 Characteristic velocity  $v_c$  vs. the incident angle  $\psi$  for the case  $\psi = 90^\circ$  for the  $H^+$ -graphite system
- experimentally determined  $v_c$  at  $E_i = 1$  keV
  - × theoretically determined  $v_c$  at  $E_i = 1$  keV
  - △ experimentally determined  $v_c$  at  $E_i = 2$  keV
  - + theoretically determined  $v_c$  at  $E_i = 2$  keV
- Fig. 5 Characteristic velocity  $v_c$  vs. the incident angle  $\psi$  for the case  $\psi = 60^\circ$  for the  $H^+$ -graphite system
- experimentally determined  $v_c$  at  $E_i = 1$  keV
  - × theoretically determined  $v_c$  at  $E_i = 1$  keV



Fig. 6 Characteristic velocity  $v_c$  for the  $\text{He}^+$ -Cu system

○ experimentally determined  $v_c$

× theoretically determined  $v_c$

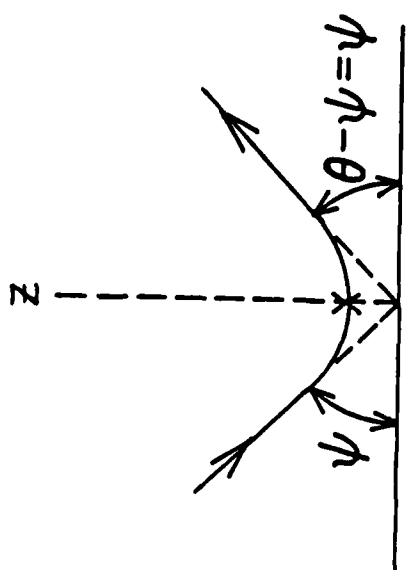
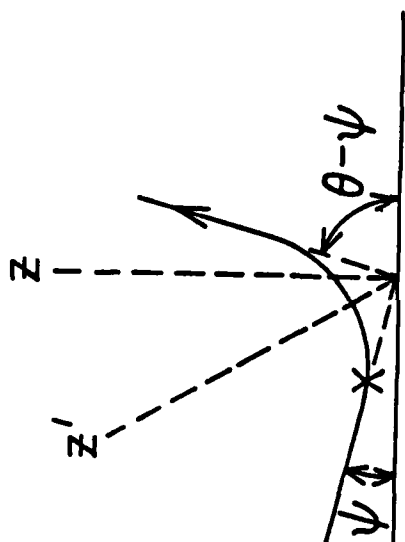
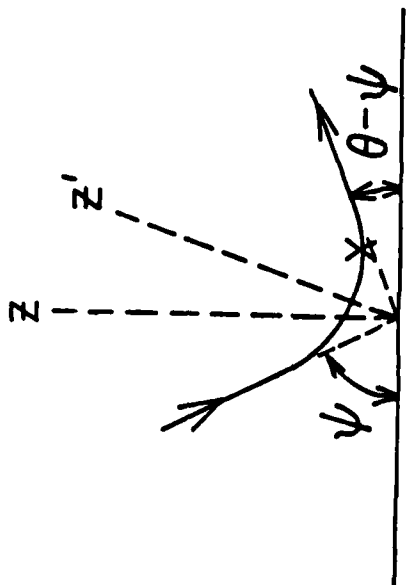
Fig. 7  $\log v_c$  vs.  $\log E_f$  for  $\text{He}^+$ -Ag and  $\text{Ne}^+$ -Ag.  $v_c$  and  $E_f$  values are taken from the data of MacDonald and O'Connor [19].

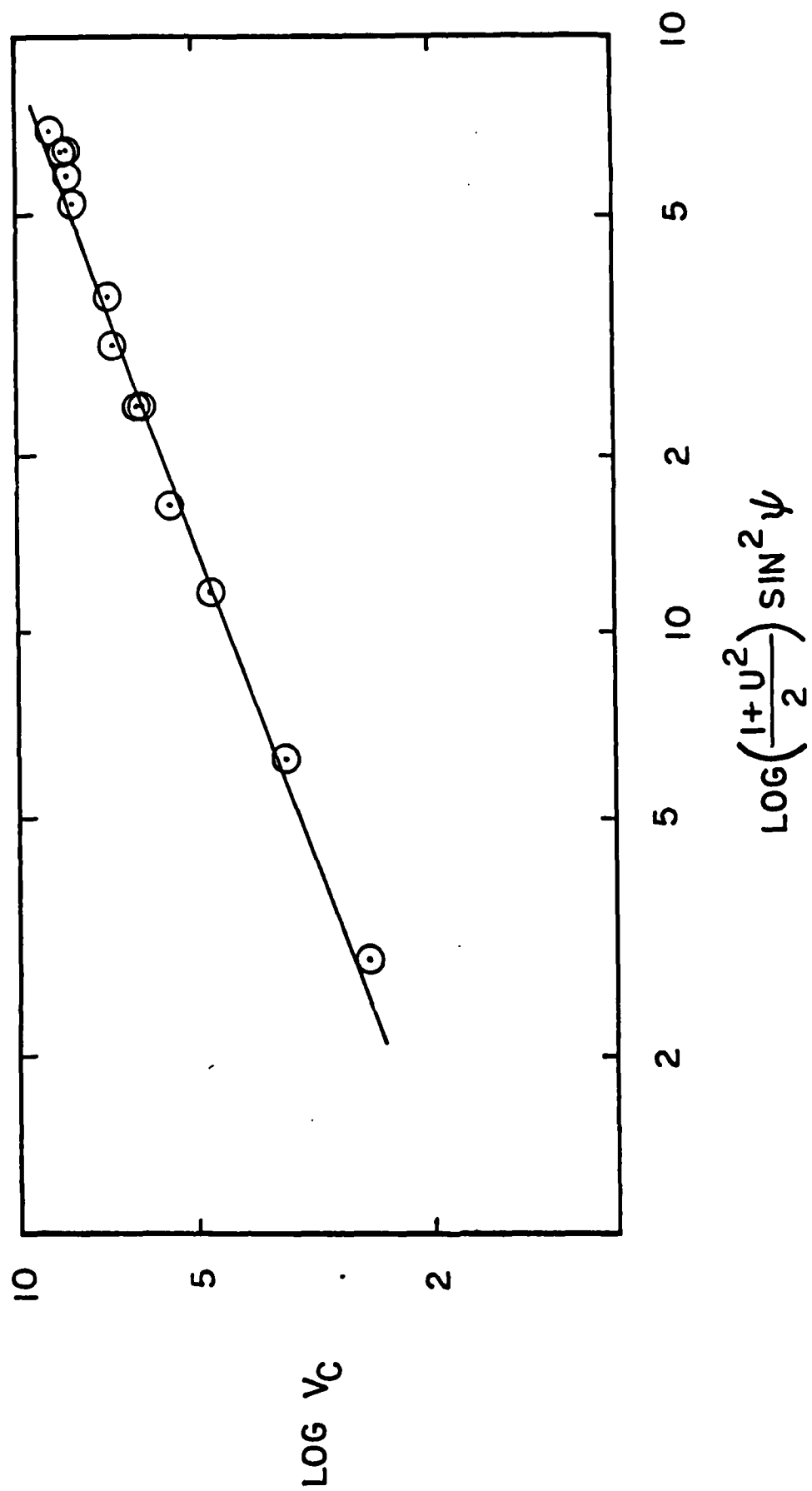
Fig. 8  $\log v_c$  vs.  $\log \left( \frac{1+u^2}{2} \sin^2 \psi \right)$  for specular conditions at  $E_i = 2$  keV for the  $\text{Ne}^+$ -Au system.

Fig. 9 Characteristic velocity  $v_c$  vs. the incident angle  $\psi$  for specular conditions for the  $\text{Ne}^+$ -Au system.

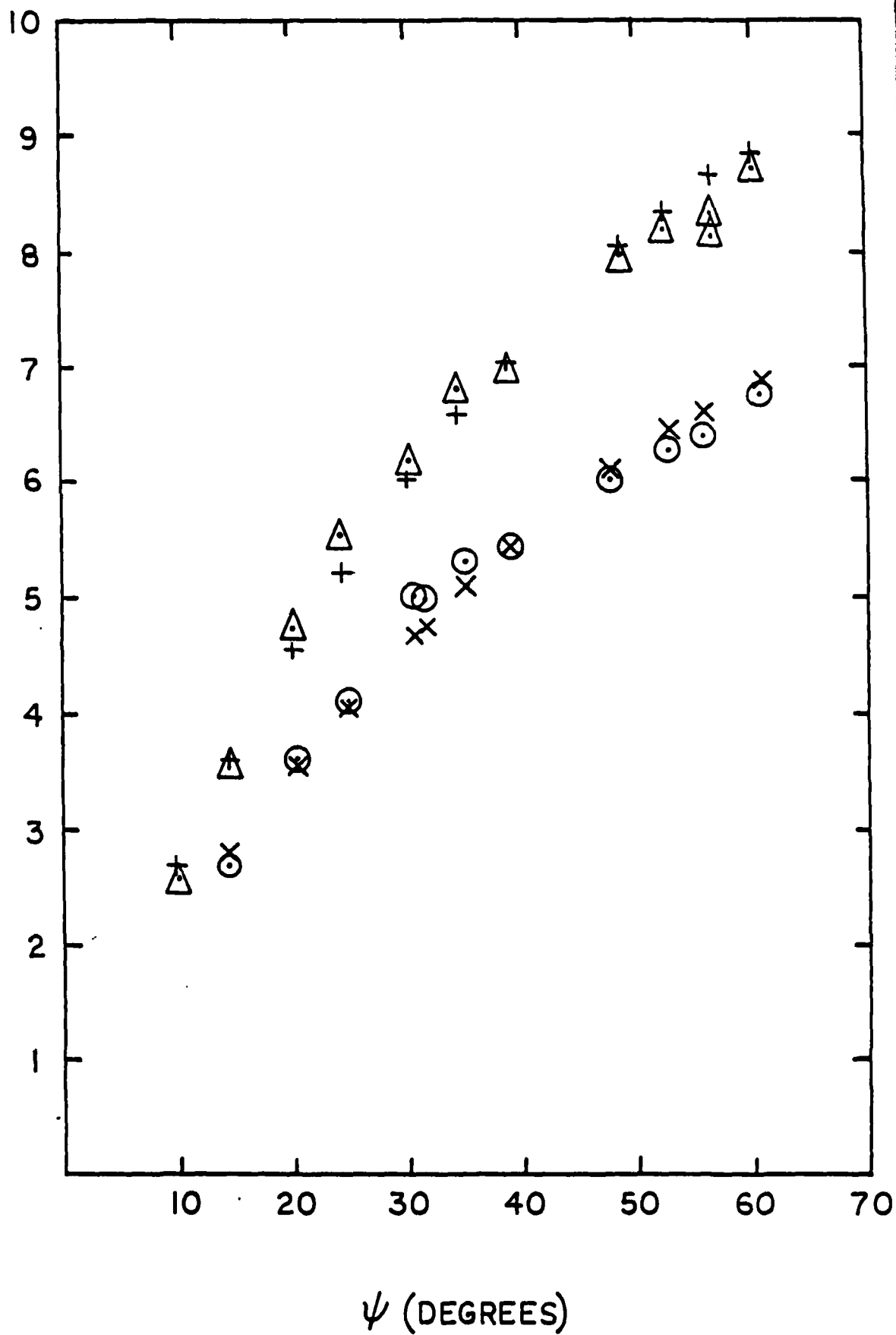
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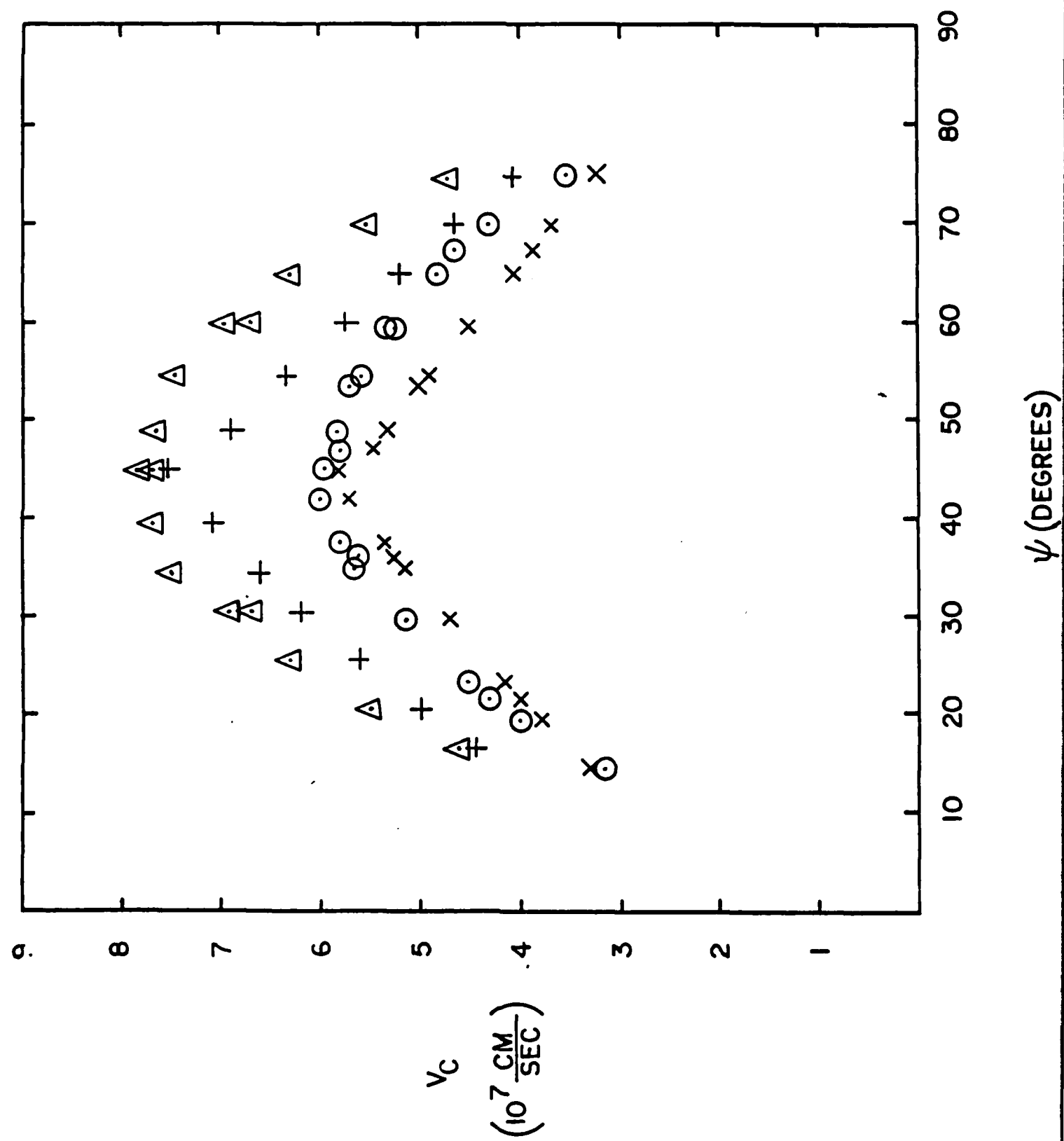
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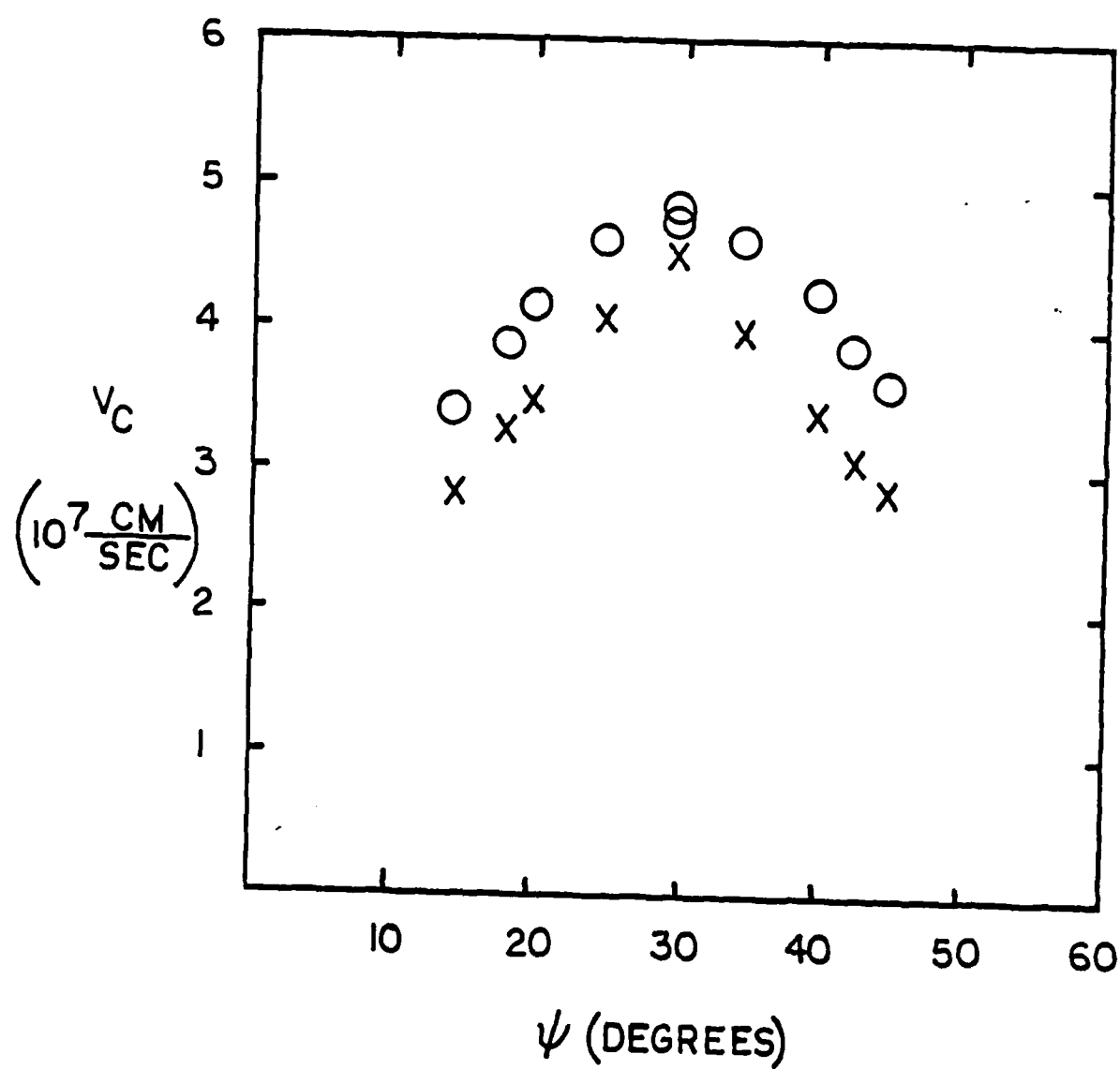


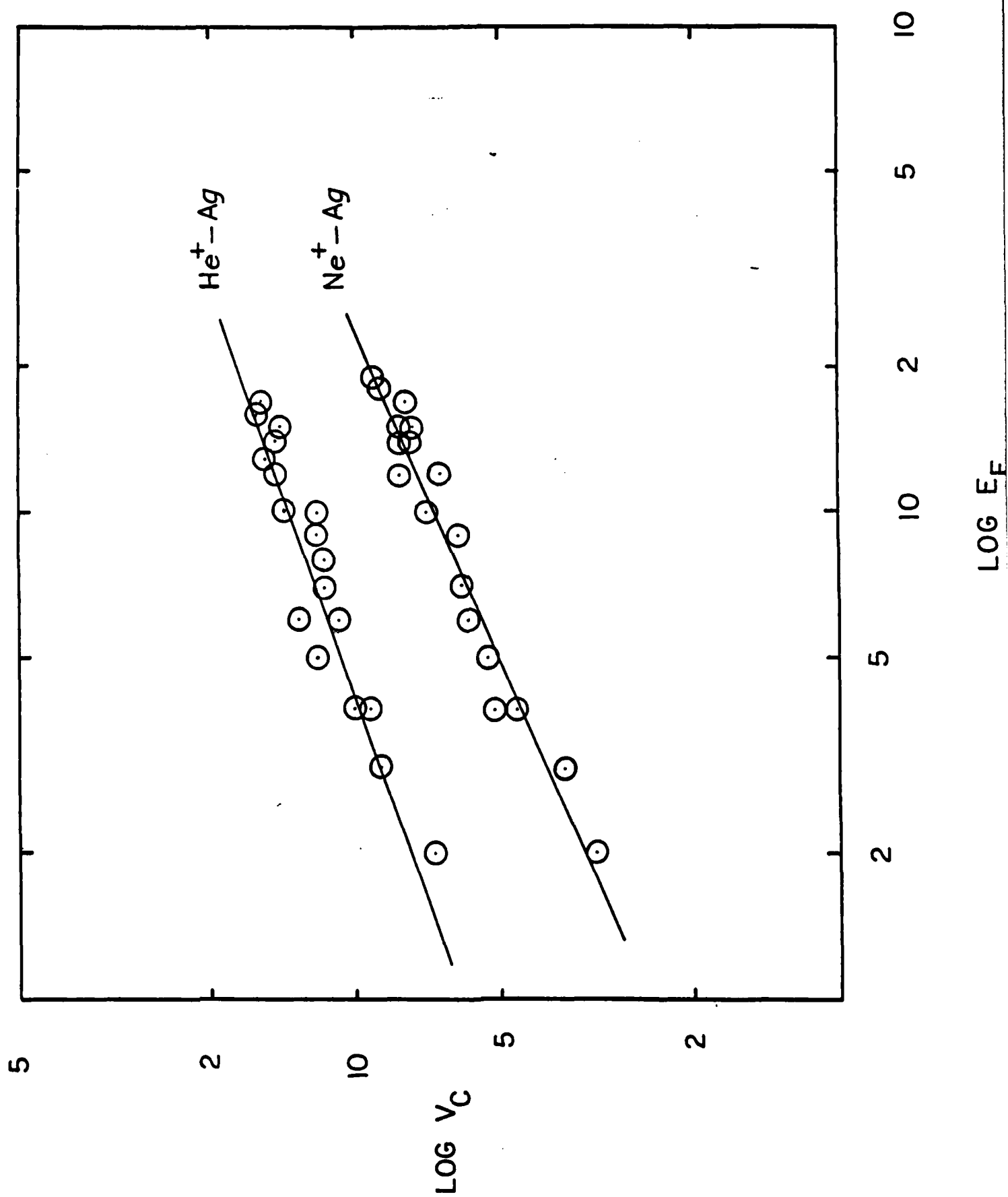


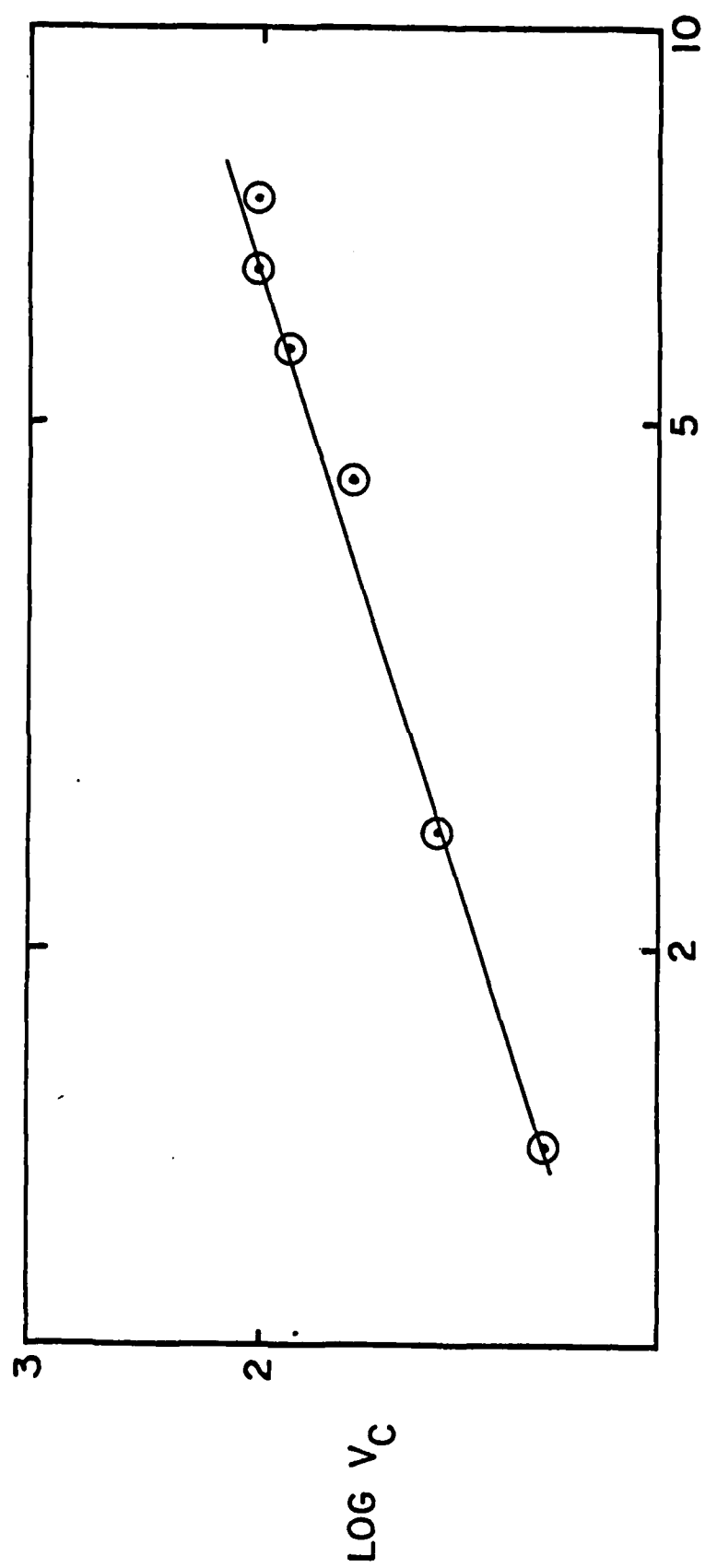
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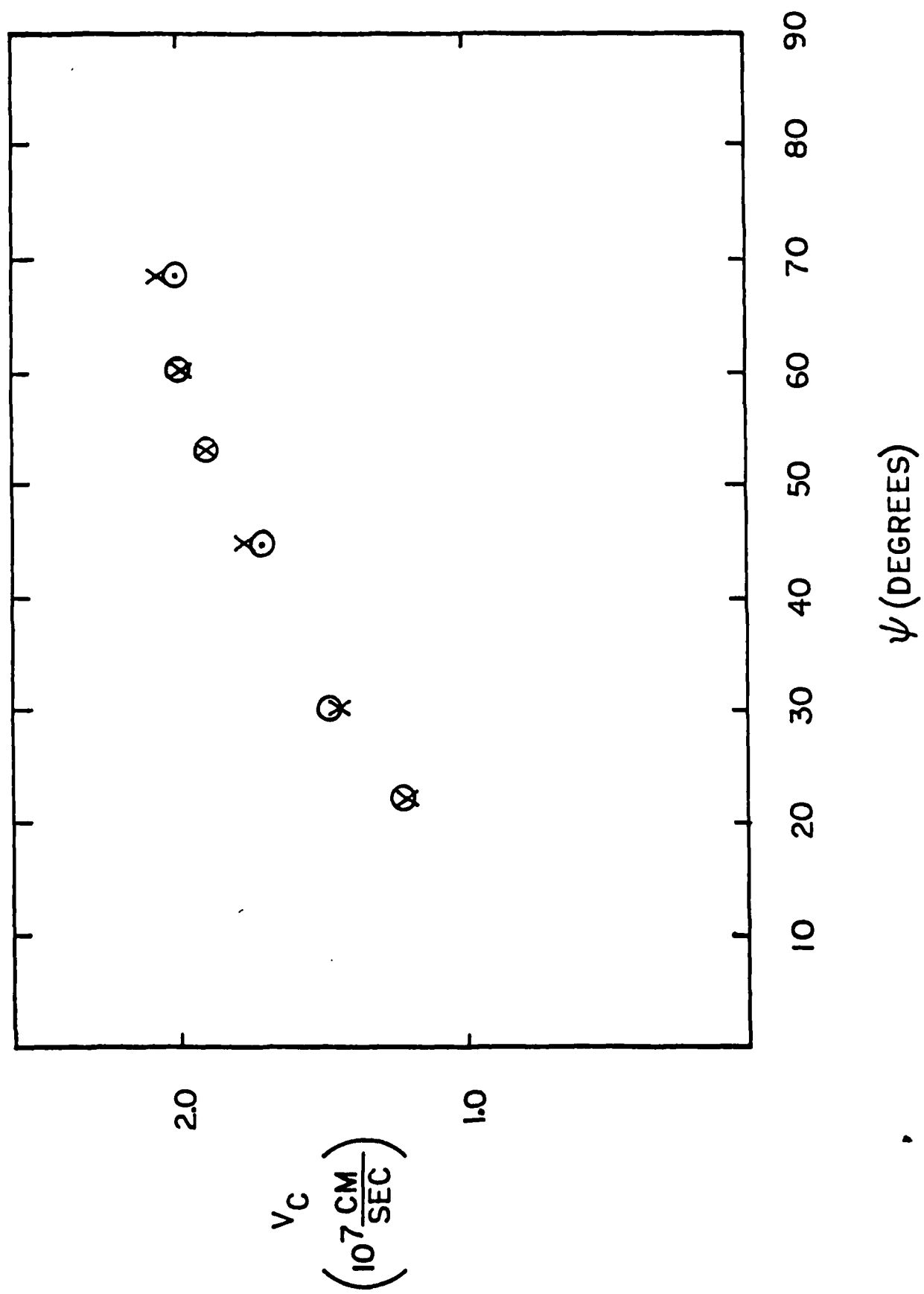


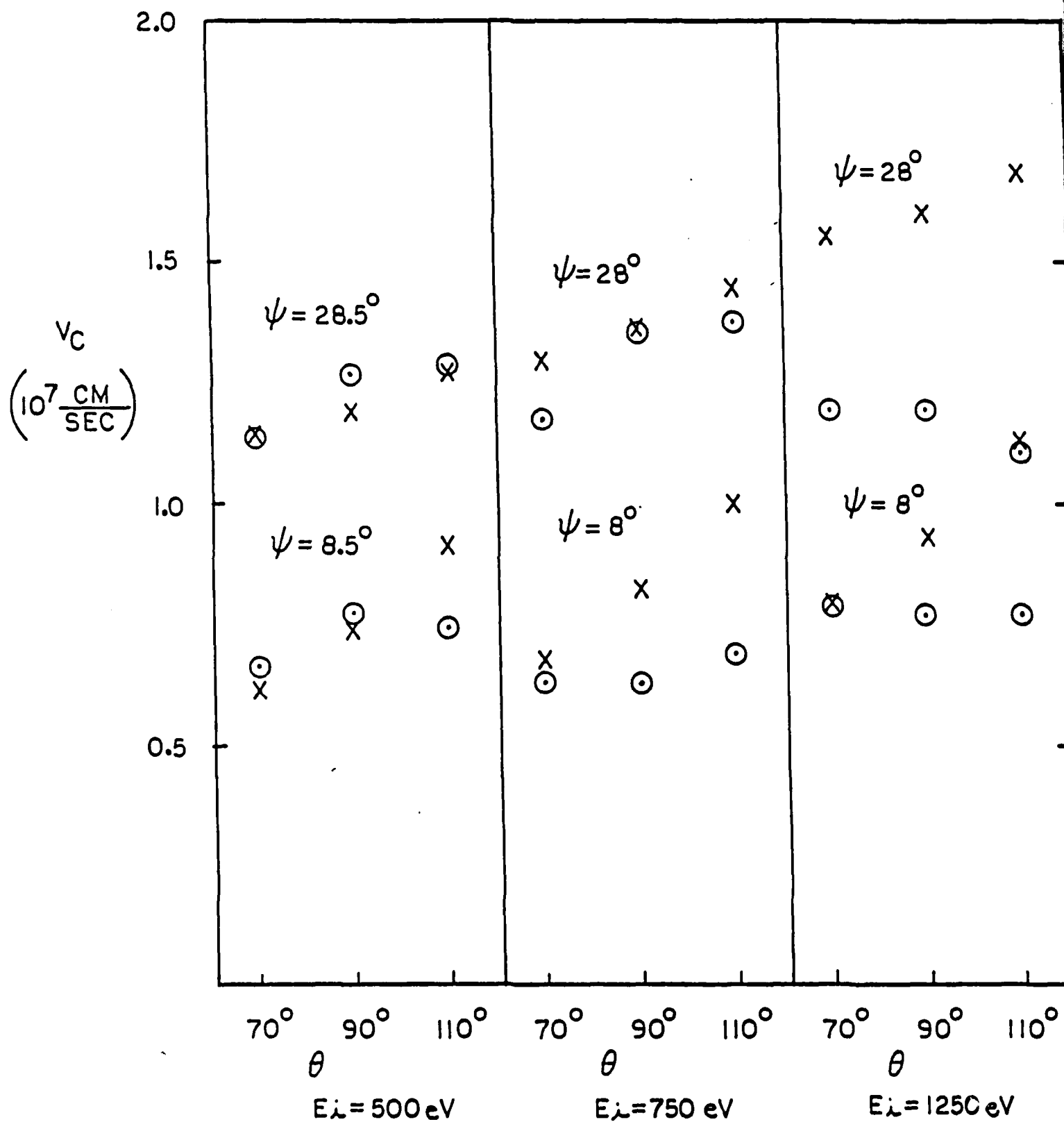












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